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Diagonal Socks

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When I started these socks, I wanted something simple, yet engaging, to knit both at home and about town. A memorable knit and purl stitch pattern creates simplicity while a hidden gusset keeps your attention wherever you're knitting.

Sizes

8" (8.5", 9", 9.5")

Gauge

9 sts and 12 rows = 1" in stockinette

Materials & Notions

400 - 580 yds Fingering Weight Yarn

Shown in Plymouth Happy Feet - Rosewood

2 (2, 3, 3) skeins

2.5 mm DPN's or Circulars

Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

ssk = slip 2 stitches as if to knit and knit them together

pfb = purl into the front and back of a stitch

inc1R = right leaning lifted increase

nc1L = left leaning lifted increase

m1 = make 1 stitch

s1 = slip 1

w&t = wrap and turn

st(s) = stitch(es)

Note: Diagonal is a toe-up sock that features a hidden gusset and heel flap construction. The mirrored stitch patterns are displayed both in writing and as a chart.

Stitch Pattern

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Right Sock

Round 1: *k2, p1*

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *k1, p1, k1*

Round 4: knit

Round 5: *p1, k2*

Round 6: knit

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Left Sock

Round 1: *p1, k2*

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *k1, p1, k1*

Round 4: knit

Round 5: *k2, p1*

Round 6: knit

Toe & Foot

Using Judy's Magic Cast-s, cast 16 (17, 16, 18) stitches on both needles and knit 1 round.

Round 1: *k1, inc1R, knit to last stitch, inc1L, k1* twice

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat these 2 rounds until there are 60 (66, 72, 78) stitches.

On the next round, start the right or left stitch pattern over the instep and work the sole in stockinette. Continue in pattern until the sock is 3" (3.25", 3.5", 3.75") shorter than the total length, ending on a plain row.

Right Gusset

Round 1: Working to the last 2 stitches, inc1R, work the last stitch, inc1R from the sole and keep it on the instep needles.

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat these two rounds, increasing in pattern, until there are 60 (66, 72, 78) stitches on the instep.

Left Gusset

Round 1: inc1L, work 1 stitch, inc1L and continue working in pattern

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Repeat these two rounds, increasing in pattern, until there are 60 (66, 72, 78) stitches on the instep.

Heel

Before beginning the heel turn, work 1 more row and place a marker after the first and last 10 (11, 12, 13) instep sts. The sole sts will be used for the heel turn.

For 60 and 72 sts:

Row 1: k1, m1, k1, then *s1, k1* until the last 2 heel stitches, w&t

For 66 and 78 sts:

Row 1: k3, then *s1, k1* until the last 2 heel stitches, w&t

For all sizes:

Row 2: purl to the last 2 heel stitches, w&t (1 st wrapped)

Row 3: *k1, s1* until the last 3 stitches, w&t

Row 4: purl to last 3 heel stitches, w&t (2 sts wrapped)

Row 5: *s1, k1* until the last 4 stitches, w&t

Row 6: purl to the last 4 stitches, w&t (3 sts wrapped)

Continue in this pattern, working 1 less stitch every 2 rows, until 10 stitches have been wrapped on each side of the heel. End on a purl row and begin the final 2 rows of the heel:

On the right side, continue working in pattern, knit to the last stitch, picking up wraps if you feel like it, ssk the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch from the gusset.

On the wrong side, s1, purl to last stitch (picking up wraps if you want), p2tog the last stitch of the sole and the first stitch of the gusset.

For the heel flap, repeat the following two rows until all gusset stitches have been worked.

Row 1: s1 *k1, s1* until the last stitch, ssk

Row 2: s1, purl to last stitch, p2tog

Cuff

Once the heel flap is finished, resume knitting in the round. k2tog once on the back of the cuff to return to the original stitch count. Work for 4.5" or 1.5" less than the desired length and end on a plain row.

Repeat the next pattern row for 1.5" (example: If you stopped on the 3rd row of the chart, repeat row 5 for the ribbing.) Bind off using Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off or your preferred method.

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